

**SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND COKING COAL PROJECT
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE MINES RESCUE STATION, SINGLETON HEIGHTS
ON WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2017 AT 4.30PM**

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
	Fiona Webber (FW)	Community Representative
	Brett Keeping (BK)	Group Representative - Vignerons & Vineyards
	Aaron Moon (AM)	Community Representative
	Wayne Seabrook (WS)	Spur Hill Management Pty Ltd (SHM)
	Tim Wolfgang (TW)	Community Representative
	Scott Brooks (SB)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
	Julie Moloney (JM)	Division of Resources & Energy
IN ATTENDANCE	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Minute Taker
APOLOGIES	Les Jones (LJ)	Community Representative
	Noel Downs (ND)	Group Representative - Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council
	John Sowter (JS)	Community Representative
	Susan Pickersgill (SP)	Community Representative

The CCC members experienced a virtual reality tour of underground mining. The 360 degree theatre provided an accurate and realistic simulation of above ground infrastructure and long wall mining operations, safety equipment and systems, machinery used and extractive methods. Tour guide Anthony Ekert, an experienced miner, was able to answer questions posed by members and explain how the activities would compare with the proposed Spur Hill operations.

Following the tour, the CCC meeting commenced at 6.08pm.

WELCOME	The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting and introduced Scott Brooks, the delegate for Muswellbrook Shire Council.	
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	MMH advised that there has been no change to her previous declarations. (Appointed by the Minister for Resources and Energy as the Independent Chair of the Spur Hill Community Consultative Committee & holds a position on the Mine Subsidence Board.)	No amendments to previously stated declarations from CCC members present.
CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	The minutes of the previous meeting of 30 November 2016 were confirmed.	Moved: BK Seconded: JM
BUSINESS ARISING	No business arising. ACTION ITEM: Ongoing media – photograph of tour group to be taken.	Photo taken at the end of the meeting.
CORRESPONDENCE	Nil.	
PRESENTATION ON PROJECT	WS advised that SHM continue to consider and explore geotechnics of the project; coal quality expectations, roof & floor characteristics, bolting & supporting regimes, headings, drilling programs, etc. The intention is to drive down a couple of kilometres from the pit top to the coal seam. SHM are still considering transport corridor options in preparation for the development application. The Planning Assessment Commission has recently rejected Drayton South. Accordingly, Anglo American have announced a public	Questions were asked and answers provided throughout the presentation.

	<p>auction to sell off various items of open cut mining equipment.</p> <p>There is a number of other infrastructure items that may benefit SHM's future underground operation. SHM will consider the potential use and cost benefit of these items compared with new infrastructure purpose built for the Spur Hill Underground Project.</p>	<p>SHM undertook to keep the CCC informed of proposed transport options.</p>
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>SB advised that Cr Christine Phelps (previous MSC delegate) did not stand for Council in the September 2016 elections. SB is currently providing consultancy services to MSC and Council is considering its commitment to supporting CCC's.</p> <p>JM advised that a new Minister has been appointed in the recent reshuffle of the NSW government, Don Harwin is the Minister for Resources, Energy & Utilities and the Minister for the Arts. It is business as usual in terms of the operations of this CCC, with MMH now reporting to Minister Harwin.</p> <p>JM informed the CCC that she is taking 12 months extended leave and therefore this was her last meeting. It was reiterated that the Department is committed to providing a representative on this CCC and once a new officer is appointed, this information will be forwarded on to members.</p> <p>JM thanked CCC members for their dedication and commitment to the consultation process, stating that it was a great committee to work with.</p>	<p>MMH commented that Council, as a stakeholder to the project, should provide a delegate to represent their constituents. SB is very experienced and has a good understanding of issues and would be welcome on the CCC.</p> <p>MMH acknowledged JM's commitment and efforts as the Minister's representative, including her professionalism, expertise and ability to relate to people at all levels.</p> <p>All members thanked JM and wished her well.</p>
NEXT MEETING	<p>The next meeting of the CCC will take place on Wednesday 3 May 2017 commencing 5.30pm at the Merton Vineyard, Denman.</p>	<p>BK thanked SHM for arranging the tour, which was very informative.</p>

Meeting closed at 6.38pm with MMH thanking all CCC members for their attendance.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	All correspondence received from members of the community be forwarded to the Chair.	All (ongoing)
2	Place regular advertisement on CCC meetings in the Denman News	Ongoing (WS/MMH)